LOCAL NEWS.

Senator Ittner has been elected President of the Mechanics Exchange.

The Penitentiary Committee is holding daily and nightly sessions, we understand.

The pork packing company of Boonville have

slaughtered 4,200 hogs this season The quail season closes in this State on Feb-

The grangers propose to build a 40,000 bushel elevator at Arrow Rock, Saline county. Esti-

mated cost, \$8,000 or \$10,000. Some of our citizens predict that fee will not bring more than 25 cents per hundred in this

city the coming summer. Col. M. J. Green, of the 11th Missouri, died Thursday night, of wounds received at the bat-

tle of Nashville.

Our representative, S. K. Miller, joins with about a bundred others in recommending Gen. Jos. O. Shelby for Warden.

T.O. Towles of Lagrange, and Arthur Hough, of Kansas City, have been appointed Clerks to the Adjutant General.

A. C. Thompson. Esq., of this county, is proposing to return to his native home, Massachu-

Politics is nothing short of a grand lottery scheme. But that wont save Miller's lottery .-It must go by the Board. Col. T. P. Bell has received the appointment

of clerk of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. A good appointment. More than one man has been called "crazy"

for advertising largely; but no one seems to remember his aberation after he makes a comfort-Hon: C. H. Brown, of Barton, has constituted

himself a "visiting committee" of one to visit Lamar and "investigate" a late arrival of a little stranger to his household there. The strongest propensity in a woman's nature.

says a careful student of the sex, is to want to to know what is going on, and the next strongest is to boss the job. Rev. Dr. Begg, the eminent Scotch divine who

has a perfect abhorrence of theatres, has a son who is now acting on the London stage under the name of Walter Bently.

A Nevada man who has seven homely daughters, got a paper to hint that he had seven kegs of gold in his cellar, and every girl was married in five months.

The appropriations for pay of costs in Crimi nal cases and for Assessing and Collecting the Revenue are exhausted, and the State Auditor has called on the General Assembly to make further appropriations to meet those classes of

Turner Williamson, living near Wellington on Thursday night last lost a valuable jack, for which he had been offered six hundred dollars. and three spring colts, in a very mysterious way, as there appeared to be nothing whatever the matter with them at dark. Mr. Williamson refuses to believe that any one had a hand in their death .- Lexington Intelligencer.

An attorney of this city has the unfortunate habit of living over the scenes of his waking hours in his sleep, and a few nights since not only aroused, but shocked his sleeping spouse by shouting triumphantly in her ear-" Keno! -!" He allayed her susplcions by assuring her that he dreamed he had won a big case in court. Oh, the witch.

We understand that at a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Boonville Bridge, held at Sedalia, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs, Skeddy, Mirrick, and Scullen, of New York, to take the necessary steps for the opening of the bridge for public travel. The committee is expected here in a few days .-Boonville Eagle.

The reliable correspondent of the Sedalia Democrat. " J. H." gives to the readers of that paper this statement :

"Two-thirds of the citizens of Jefferson City are now office-holders, and the other third are candidates for the remaining unfilled positions."

Who this veracious "J. II." is, may be of little consequence to our citizens. But we will say to them that when a correspondent is reduced to the extreme need of borrowing a po tage stamp with which to remit his corresponden e, we advise them to see to it that he pays his bills

in advance. Alexander Mitchell, of Lexinston, formerly a prominent banker of that city, dropped dead in the upper corridor of the Central Hotel, in this city, Saturday. He had just reached the top of the stairs which he had ascended from the first story and had turned to enter his room when he uttered a cry and fell dead upon the floor. Several, who occupy rooms in the same story, heard the cry and fall and immediately rushed to the unfortunate man's assistance, but too late. He expired lamediately and without speaking a word. The death was caused by paralysis in all probability.

The Practice Act.

Senator Belch on yesterday introduced a bill by which there are important changes in the practice act proposed. Following is its text:

Every person aggrieved by the granting of a new trial, by the trial court after a verdict of a jury in cases where the new trial is granted, upon the sole grounds that the court gave an improper or illegal instruction, or instructions, or admitted illegal and incompetent evidence, may take an appeal to the Supreme Court, provided that the poord shall show the grounds upon which such new trial was granted, and taking such appeal shall operate as a stay to turther proceedings in the trial court; provided further, that said appeal is presented without further delay.

OUR RAILROAD

The Narrow Guage Plan

A committee of our citizens, consisting of Hon. Fred Fischer. Mayor, Dr. W. A. Curry, Jaz. F. Carter, and Jas. S. Ambrose, have just returned from St. Louis, where they have been for the purpose of inspecting the narrow guage railroad plan, and to satisfy themselves as to the practicability of adopting it in the completion of our Southwest road. The road they visited is the St. Louis & Cairo narrow guage, now in full operation. They return thoroughly convinced of the fact we have heretofore demonstrated the truth of, that it is the very best plan that can be adopted to ensure the completion and profitable working of our road. Measrs. Fisher and Car ter, when they left, were set in their minds a ainst the plan; but what they saw convinced them of the error of their impressions. A unanimous report to the Directors of the Company will be submitted in a few days, recommending the adoption of the plan in the completion of this road, and showing their reasons,-They will demonstrate that the popular idea respecting narrow guage roads is altogether wrong. If their recommendations are adopted, we see no reason why the present Board of Directors cannot build the road without the intervention of " middle men." They have abundant resources, or at least as great as most of the schemers they can find who would be willing to take hold of it. They can mortnage the road, and raise money on the franchise as easily as any one else, if they would only think so, and that is about as much as could be expected from any one else.

A Branch Prison Proposed.

Senator Morrisson, on Friday, introduced bill providing for the erection of a "Branch Penitentiary" for the State. The bill provides that the Branch shall be located at or near the mouth of the river Des Peres, in St. Louis county-(below Caron-lolet) on a site to contain not less than ten nor more than twenty acres; that the site shall be purchased by the Inspectors of the Penitentiary, and cost not to exceed \$10,000, that they shall purchase also such stone quarries adjacent to the site as they may deem necessary. That they shall erect on the site so purchased suitable buildings for a Penitentiary, walls, cell-buildings, work-shops, etc. All to be of stone or other material. All power for making such contracts as are necessary for carrying on the work is placed in the hands of the Inspectors. Section six provides that all the convicts in the Penitentiary at Jefferson unemployed by the lessees shall be employed in the work of its construction at such rates as may be agreed upon by the Inspectors and lessees.

For meeting the expense of the site and erection of the building, a Branch Penitentiary Fund is created and Two Hundred Thousand dollars in Bonds of the State are anthorized to be issued by the Governor to meet the demands for the site and buildings. The Bonds are made payable at Bank of Commerce, N. Y., and are to be sold by Inspectors, etc.

It is specially provided that the Bill shall not interfere with contract of the lessees of the prison at Jefferson City, but said contract shall apply as well to the prison thus authorized as

Stockades and other arrangements for guarding and keeping the prisoners while at work on the new prison, are to be built at the expense of the Lessees.

The Branch prison is to be built so as to provide for keeping in it, eight hundred prisoneas. Bill referred to Pointentiary Committee.

Common Decency.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 21, 1875. Editor Journal:

Let me call your attention to a fact which any one, so disposed, can see demonstrated at the Capitol any day. It is the fifthy babit of smoking in the presence of ladies, and others to whom it is exceedingly disagreeable? One of the most glaring impropriettes in this line was exhibitied while the joint session was being held, which declared Gen. Cockrell next U. S. Senator. During the solemnity of that occasion sat high officials and talented members of the General Assembly on the floor of the House, in utter disregard of the rules, puffing their tobacco smoke right and left, and filling the atmosphere of the Hall with a poisonous stench that was truly sickening to many ladies present and occasioned shame in some men, because other men had no respect for the occasion-the ladies-or for those by whom such conduct was neither approved nor relished! It used to be considered very ungentlemanly to smoke in the presen e of ladies, and still is so considered by many who are good judges. Certainly no gentleman would puff his filthy tobacco-smoke in a lady's presence in a hotel parlor, nor in a street car, nor while making a call upon one of the fair sex, nor, it seems, anywhere outside of the Missouri Legislative Halls. But it seems to be regarded as one of the royal priveleges of a member, to retain the reputation of a gentleman, and at the same time conduct himself, as many will admit, as no gentleman would. This, I suppose, is what the "Hon." means before members' names. Another feature well to consider is, that the entire atmosphere of the two Houses is permented with a siekering odor, resulting from almost constant tobacco smoking in them. It may be well to inquire if the proverbial indisposition of the members is not attributable more to this fact than to any other! Howbelt, Mr. Editor, many who love to smoke refrain from violating the rules of the House and dislike to see a few privileged characters deliberately disregard them, as well as the rules of common decency! This attack is not upon persons but upon fifthy, disagreeable tob weo smoking in utter di-regard of the rights of those whose rights ought to be respected especially by any who claim the name of

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THE SON OF A KING

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A special dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from East Saginaw, Michigan says:

".A mysterious abduction case is just now agitating the Lake-shore people. One of the principals in the affair is Albert Molitor, a wealthy lumberman, who resides at Rogers City, on Lake Huron, a short distance above Alphena, Molitor has had rather a romantic ca cer, being an illegitimate son of King William of Wurtemburg. His mother was a sewing-woman to the Queen and was married to a man named Molitor just previous to the birth of the child of the King. Her maiden name was Francisca Schmidt. Upon arriving at man's estate, the illegal Royal descendant was installed in the War Department at Ludwigsburg; but engaging it an attempt to procure extra plans of the fortress of Uhlan, he was arrested and imprisoned, and finally ordered to leave the country, which he did. Coming to America about the time of the breaking out of the rebellion, he enlisted and did good service for his adopted country, having been attached to the staff of Gen, Siegel. After the war be located at Rogers City in Presque Isle county, and by industry succeeded in massing a snug little fortune in the lumber trade. While at this place, he sent to Germany for an old love-one Hortensia Carle-who came on and was duly installed as housekeeper. Failing to wed her, as promised, she left his roof and went to Detroit, where she subsequently made complaint, and caused the arrest of Molitor on a charge of being the paternal ancestor of an infantile encumbrance. A preliminary examination was had, which resulted in the defendant being held for trial at the higher court, and bail was furnished by him for his appearance. A few days since, under color of an arrest far some clothing token from Molitor's residence, the woman, with a habe six weeks old, was taken by force from Detroit to Bay City, and thence to Alpena, where a stop was made for the night, and since that time neither the woman nor child have been seen. Rumors of foul play are affoat, and considerable excitement exists."

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